

CAPSULE SUMMARY

FOR

FAWCETT HOUSE/MCCULLOCH FARM

13826 CASTLE CLIFF WAY, WHITE OAK

Montgomery County Survey Prefix & Site Number: M-33/6

Approximate Building Date: circa 1800 & 1855
altered 1939 & 1980s

Town or Vicinity in which Resource is Located: White Oak

Access: Private

The Benjamin Fawcett house is a heavily remodeled frame house comprising an ca. 1800 two-story section (now an ell) and a center hall plan I-house addition erected ca. 1855. The house has undergone extensive alterations and has been substantially renovated in the Colonial Revival style on two occasions (1939 and 1980s). The Fawcett farmhouse has minimal architectural significance as an example of a late nineteenth century vernacular house type. The building's architectural and historical importance has been diminished by major alterations and two substantial Colonial Revival style remodelings.

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form****MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**DOE yes no**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)historic Benjamin Fawcett Houseand/or common Elizabeth McCulloch House**2. Location**street & number 13826 Castle Cliff Way not for publicationcity, town Silver Spring vicinity of congressional district 8state MD county Montgomery**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)name Elizabeth McCullochstreet & number 13826 Castle Cliff Way telephone no.:city, town Silver Spring state and zip code MD 20904**5. Location of Legal Description**courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 448street & number 51 Monroe Street folio 5city, town Rockville state MD**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveystitle Montgomery County Locational Atlas of Historic Sitesdate 1976 federal state county localpository for survey records M-NCPPCcity, town Silver Spring state MD

7. Description

Survey No. M: 33-06

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Benjamin Fawcett house is a heavily remodeled frame house comprising an ca. 1800 two-story section (now an ell) and a center hall plan I-house addition erected ca. 1855. The house has undergone extensive alterations and has been substantially renovated in the Colonial Revival style on two occasions (1939 and 1980s).

The house has an irregular overall plan created by numerous twentieth century additions to the older L-shaped core of the house. The most prominent section of the remodeled residence is a three-bay, side gabled rectangular block, erected ca. 1855. This principle elevation faces west and has a dominant two-story pedimented portico (added in the 1980s). This portico is massive and has four slim full-length squared columns with boxed capitals. The cornices of the projecting porch and main rectangular block have boxed eaves with a moderate overhang ornamented with dentils.

The west facade's central doorway has a pronounced triangular pediment over a simple entry. The first floor and second story windows of this main three bay facade are symmetrically arranged and have double-hung sash with six-over-six lights and louvered shutters. This window type is repeated in a largely symmetrically balanced design throughout the remaining wall surfaces of the gable end, side, rear and ell facades of the house.

A large two-story rear ell, located on the east side of the I-house core was the original house. About 1855 this section of the house was adapted as an ell with the completion of the I-house addition. Together these sections formed a gable end and wing house form with a porch infill in the L. The south facade originally faced the entry drive which ran north from Fairland Road. This driveway was closed in the 1980s and the house's entrance drive was relocated to Castle Cliff Way when the surrounding land was developed. Both the north and south sides of the ell have large shed roofed dormers (added to the roof in 1939) converting the attic to bedroom space. On the east, a one story shed roof addition has been added to the kitchen with a side entry that is covered by a porch supported by simple square posts.

There is a 1939 screened-in porch and second level veranda on the south side of the ell that replaced the old one-story entrance porch. On the house's west side is a one story hyphen connecting the house to a side gabled concrete (one story) early twentieth century tenant house with a corrugated roof. A two-bay gable ended garage addition has been added to the east of the tenant house addition.

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Cabin

The property has a small two room dependency located to the northeast just behind the house. It was built in the early twentieth century and has twin front gables. The structure has been sided with vertical boards and has central eight-over-eight windows with louvered shutters at the gable ends and sides. The building has side entries on the east and west that are covered by a porch with a shed roof supported by simple squared columns.

Smokehouse

An early twentieth century clapboard frame one-story front gabled smokehouse with a rear shed roof addition is located northeast of the house.

Cottage

An one-story frame cottage, erected in the early twentieth century, is located to east of the main house. The building was extensively remodeled in the 1980s.

8. Significance

Survey No.

M: 33-06

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1855; 1939 Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Summary: The Fawcett farmhouse originally built in sections about 1800 and 1855 has minimal architectural significance as an example of a late nineteenth century vernacular house type. The building's architectural and historical importance has been diminished by major alterations and two substantial Colonial Revival style remodelings (1939 and 1980s).

Benjamin Fawcett, the house's original owner, was a farmer and entrepreneur who invested in a woolen mill on Paint Branch Creek and the Chesapeake and Ohio canal. He served as secretary of the C & O canal and served in the Maryland House of Delegates during the Civil War. He resided at this house from about 1855 to 1903.¹

In 1939 McCulloch directed the first major renovation of the farmhouse upgrading its heating, lighting, plumbing and ventilation and changing its overall stylistic appearance. The Victorian front porch on the south elevation was removed and the clapboard exterior of the entire house was covered with wood shingles. Large dormer windows were built on the roof of the wing and a veranda and screened porch were also added. She also connected an early twentieth century tenant house to the main building with a hyphen and added a garage. In the early 1980s further additions were made enlarging the kitchen and constructing a massive pedimented portico on the west elevation.²

Elizabeth McCulloch purchased the house and farm and ran a dairy and poultry business on the property between 1927 and 1965.

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The house no longer retains a strong historical association with Benjamin Fawcett because of the substantial twentieth century alterations and modifications of the folk Victorian exterior architectural character of the house. The present remodeled building represents has minimal local architectural significance as a representative example of the Colonial Revival style. Moreover, there several other structures in eastern Montgomery County survey group (Atlas Sites #15-51 Drayton, #28-27 Harding House and #32-6 Brunett House) that are better representative examples of remodeled farmhouses representing this twentieth century architectural transition.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M:33-06

See Attached Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 6

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	<u>William Bushong</u>	date	<u>June 1994</u>
organization	<u>M-NCPPC</u>	telephone	<u>(301) 495-4570</u>
street & number	<u>8787 Georgia Avenue</u>	state	<u>MD</u>
city or town	<u>Silver Spring</u>		

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Preservation Planning Data:

- a) Geographic Organization: Piedmont
- b) Chronological/Development Periods:
Agricultural-Industrial
Transition - A. D. 1815-1870, Modern Period, 1930-Present
- c) Historic Period Themes: Architecture
- d) Resource Type: Farmhouse

Chain of Title/Owner Information:

Benjamin Fawcett inherited the land on which he built this house from his father Thomas Fawcett about 1855. Benjamin and his wife Marion Fawcett defaulted on the mortgage in 1903 and sold their 131 7/8 acre farm to Rueben Baker. His daughter Margaret (Baker) Hobbs would inherit the farm after her parents died and sold the property to Elizabeth A. McCulloch who operated a dairy and poultry farm until 1965. She sold much of the farm to developers reserving a six acre lot for her house in 1981.

Cited Land and Estate Records from Crawford, MHT Form (1/83).

Equity #182-1882	Montgomery County Judgment Records
Deed EBP/405	Montgomery County Land Records
Deed TD 24/273	Montgomery County Land Records
Deed 388/233	Montgomery County Land Records
Deed 448/5	Montgomery County Land Records

Endnotes

- ¹ Roger B. Farquhar, **Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, Maryland.** (Silver Spring, MD: Judd and Detweiler, Inc., 1952, 1962), 82.

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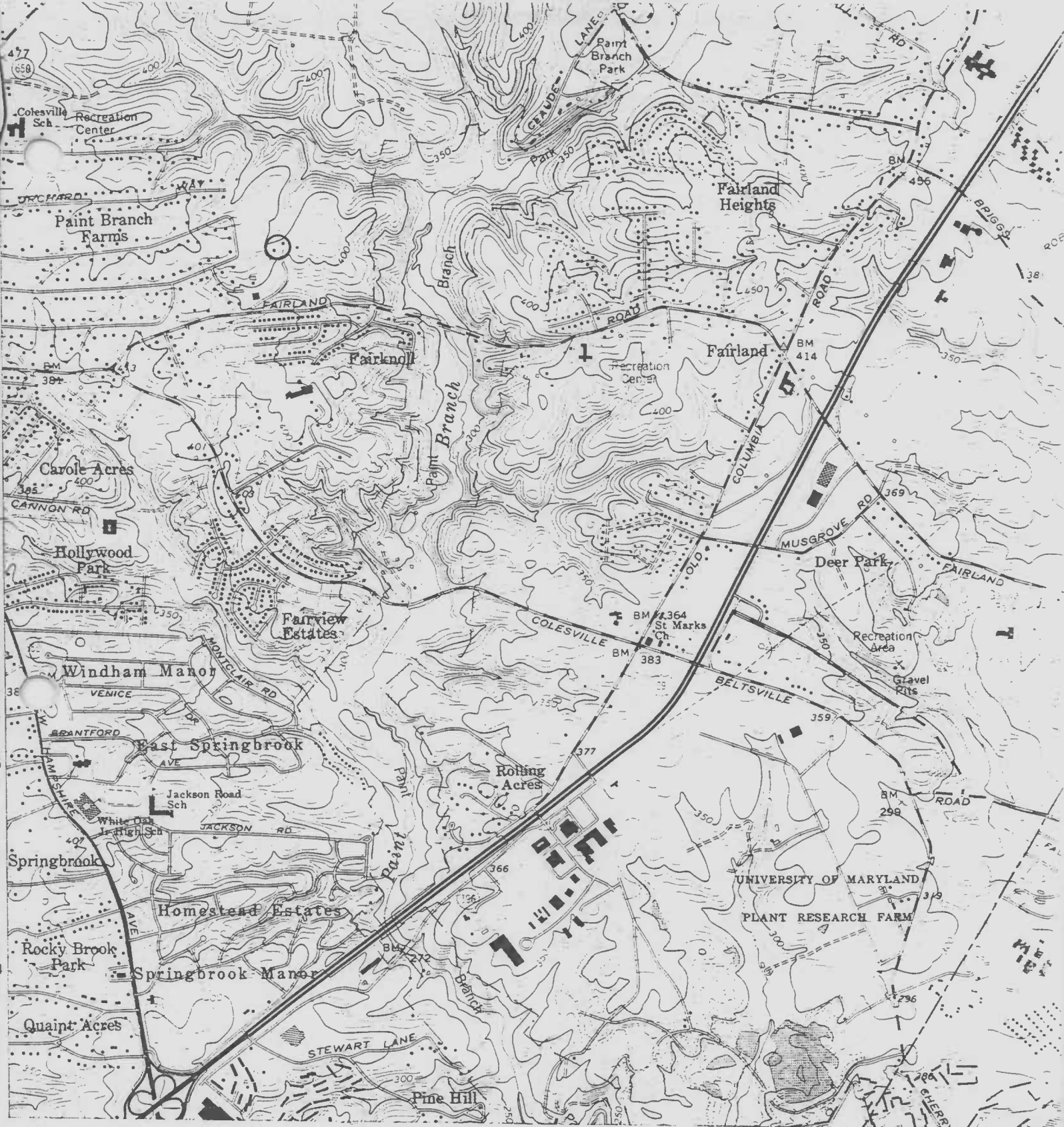
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FORM
LOCATIONAL MAP

SURVEY NO.: M 33/6

PROPERTY NAME: Fawcett House/
 McCulloch Farm

TOWN: Silver Spring
COUNTY: MONTGOMERY

QUADRANGLE: Beltsville, MD



M-
33-6, FAWCETT-McCulloch House
Mont. Co, MD

MAY 1994, WILLIAM BUSHONG

VIEW: NORTHEAST
(SOUTHWEST ELEV.)

NEG
LOC. : MARYLAND SHPO

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CASTLE

CLIFF

S.S.



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33-6 FAWCETT McCULLOUGH HOUSE

MONT CO, MD

MAY 1994, WILLIAM BUSHONG

VIEW: NORTH (SOUTH ELEV.)

NEG. LOC.: MARYLAND SHPO

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CASTLE
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M-33-6 FAWCETT-McCULLOUGH HOUSE

MONT CO, MD

MAY 1914 WM. RUSHONG

VIEW NW (SE ELEV.) 13826

CASTLE
CLIFF
S.S.

NEG. : MARYLAND SHPO

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M-33-6 FAWCETT McCLEOD HOUSE

MONT CO, MD

MAY 1994, WILLIAM BUSHONG

VIEW: NE (SW ELEV.) 13826

CASTLE CLIFF

S. S.

NEG.: MARYLAND SHPO

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M-33-6 FAWCETT McCULLOUGH HOUSE
MONT CO., MD

MAY 1994 WILLIAM BUSHONG

SMOKEHOUSE VIEW EAST
(WEST
ELEV.)

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CASTLE
CLIFF
S.S.

NEG: MARYLAND SHPO

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M-
33-6 FAWCETT-McCULLOUGH HOUSE
MONT. CO, MD
MAY 1994, Wm. Bushong

SMOKEHOUSE VIEW ^{NORTH}
^{WEST}
~~SOUTH~~
(EAST ELEV.)

NEG: MARYLAND SHPO

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CASTLE
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**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form****1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Benjamin Fawcett House

and/or common MuCulloch Farmhouse

2. Location

street & number 1212 Fariland Rd. ___ not for publication

city, town Silver Spring ___ vicinity of congressional district 5th

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	___ commercial
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			___ park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			___ religious
			___ scientific
			___ transportation
			___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Elizabeth McCulloch

street & number 1212 Fairland Rd. telephone no.: 384-6841

city, town Silver Spring state and zip code Md., 20904

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Mont. Co. Courthouse liber 448

street & number folio 5

city, town Rockville state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 ___ federal ☒ state ☒ county ___ local

pository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Md.

7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One)		
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
<p>The original house is the main, three-bay part that faces south. This is a two-story framed structure with an internal brick chimney on the west end. This has a fireplace on the first floor. There is a carved walnut rail and newel post on the stair located in the NE corner. A three-bay dormer now sits on the south roof of this section. Joined to this on the NE corner is a one-and-a-half story kitchen wing with "eyebrow" windows under the east eaves. A tall brick stovestack projects from the center of this part. Completing the house is a tall, two-story wing on the west end that runs north and south (while the main part ran west and east.) The original siding has been covered with wooden shingles and many alterations have been made to the house, including a sun porch across the front of the main section.</p> <p>Nearby is an old framed smokehouse, and behind this are two framed slave or tenant houses that have been joined together and extensively remodeled.</p>			

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. Significance

Survey No.

M:33-6

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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates circa. 1855

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Although extensively remodeled, the Benjamin Fawcett house is significant as an example of vernacular farm architecture typical of that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. The house was probably built by Benjamin Fawcett about 1855.¹ Benjamin recieved the land on which his house was built from his father, Thomas Fawcett, who lived on the other side of the road (Fairland). Benjamin Fawcett was a wool Manufacturer with a mill on Paint Branch Creek, and a farmer.² He also served as a secretary to the C&O Canal Co. After his father's death in 1871, Benjamin continued to run both his farm and his father's farm (later having to pay for some of the land following an equity case resulting from Thomas Fawcett's unpaid debts).³

In 1903, Benjamin and his wife, Marion, defaulted on their mortgage and were therefore forced to sell the 131 7/8 acre farm. It was purchased by Reuben T. Baker.⁴ Baker farmed the property until 1925 (when he died in the front corn field).⁵ The farm was then conveyed by Mary F. Baker, Reuben's widow, to their daughter, Margaret Hobbs.⁶ The Hobbs, not very interested in farming, sold the property in May of 1927 to Elizabeth A. McColloch, the present owner.⁷

Ms. McColloch remodeled the house, inside and out, enlarging the windows, adding some on the south side where there were none, removing the front porch, shingleing the exterior, etc. She had electricity and water put into the house in 1939 (the first year the area was serviced by these utilities). In addition, bathrooms were later added and the old kitchen was enlarged to form the present dining room and a new kitchen was built. Ms. McColloch ran a dairy and poultry farm here until 1965. A year ago, she sold all but six acres around her house to a developer who is in the process of building a sub-division on the property. Ms. McColloch is presently involved in a one-woman crusade to prove that the consumption of chickens and eggs, due to a cancer-causing agent common to them, is one of the leading causes of cancer in humans.⁸

see attachment sheet A for footnotes

attachment sheet A

¹The date given is based on the date that Thomas Fawcett purchased the land (1848), the appearance of the house on the map of 1865 and 1878, etc. and Benjamin Fawcett's testimony in Equity #182-1882, stating that he had been living on and maintaining the farm for 25-30 years.

²Census of 1850, 1860 and 1880.

³Equity #182-1882, Mont. Co. Judgement Records.
Deed EBP 27/405, Mont. Co. Land Records.

⁴Deed TD 24/273, " "

⁵Conversation with present owner , Ms. Elizabeth McColloch, 12/82.

⁶Deed 388/233, Mont. Co. Land Records.

⁷Deed 448/5, " "

⁸Elizabeth McColloch

Due to extensive alterations made to this house, any significance it may have would lay in its associations with Benjamin Fawcett and the woolen mill which he ran here.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No.

M: 33-6

Mont. Co. Land Records
Mont. Co. Judgement Records
Conversation with Elizabeth McColloch, 12/82

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 6 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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date 1/83

street & number

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city or town Rockville

state Md.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON:					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Benjamin Fawcett House					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 1212 Fairland Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
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Comments _____					
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. Elizabeth McCulloch (bought in 1927)					
STREET AND NUMBER: 1212 Fairland Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring			STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
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STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☒ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | lasophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This was the home of Benjamin Fawcett, who, with his family, ran a woolen mill on nearby Paint Branch in the 19th Century. When the McCullochs bought the property in 1927 the mill had long since collapsed into ruins. The McCullochs ran a dairy farm here for years, but the barns have been removed.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC	DATE: 8/21/75
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Ave.	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____



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